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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SHUSTER et al.

Serial No.: 09/648,474

Filed: August 21, 2000

Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR HOSTING INFORMATION EXCHANGE GROUPS ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK

Art Unit: 2154

Examiner: Dustin Nguyen

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to October 14, 2004, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, and in view of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: